

1-1 By: Hegar S.B. No. 817
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 25, 2013; March 5, 2013,
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;
 1-4 April 4, 2013, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; April 4, 2013,
 1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 817 By: Deuell

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to certain requirements for political parties holding
 1-22 conventions and for officers of certain of those parties.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 161.005, Election Code, is amended by
 1-25 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (c) to read as
 1-26 follows:

1-27 (a) To be eligible to be a candidate for or to serve as a
 1-28 county or precinct chair of a political party, a person must:

1-29 (1) be a qualified voter of the county; and

1-30 (2) except as provided by Subsection (c), not be a
 1-31 candidate for nomination or election to, or be the holder of, an
 1-32 elective office of the federal, state, or county government.

1-33 (c) A candidate for nomination or election to, or the holder
 1-34 of, an elective office of the federal, state, or county government
 1-35 is eligible to serve as a county or precinct chair of a political
 1-36 party to which Chapter 181 applies.

1-37 SECTION 2. Section 163.002, Election Code, is amended to
 1-38 read as follows:

1-39 Sec. 163.002. REQUIRED RULES. A political party that makes
 1-40 nominations in this state shall adopt rules that:

1-41 (1) prescribe the parliamentary procedure governing
 1-42 the conduct of party meetings and conventions from the precinct
 1-43 level to the state level, including:

1-44 (A) quorums;

1-45 (B) casting and counting votes;

1-46 (C) operation of executive committees;

1-47 (D) appointment and duties of convention
 1-48 committees; and

1-49 (E) presentation of matters before a convention;

1-50 (2) prescribe the method of selecting the party's
 1-51 presidential elector candidates;

1-52 (3) prescribe the manner of selecting party officers,
 1-53 convention delegates, any convention alternates, and convention
 1-54 officials;

1-55 (4) provide for representative apportionment of party
 1-56 officers, convention delegates, any convention alternates, and
 1-57 convention officials throughout the state on the basis of
 1-58 population, party strength, or both, within the appropriate
 1-59 territorial unit;

1-60 (5) provide for periodic publication and publicizing

2-1 of party rules; and

2-2 (6) prescribe the manner of adopting party rules and
2-3 amendments to the rules.

2-4 SECTION 3. Subsection (a), Section 181.061, Election Code,
2-5 is amended to read as follows:

2-6 (a) A political party nominating by convention must make its
2-7 nominations for statewide offices at a state convention held on the
2-8 second Saturday in April [~~June~~] of the election year, except that if
2-9 the Sunday after the second Saturday in April in an election year is
2-10 the date of the Easter holiday, the state convention must be held on
2-11 the third Saturday in April of that year. The state convention
2-12 consists of delegates selected at the county conventions held under
2-13 Subsection (c).

2-14 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-15 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-16 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-17 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-18 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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